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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN ELECTIONS RESULTS AS OF 1600 MAY 5

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1. SUMMARY. RETURNS, MOSTLY FROM OUTLYING AREAS, ARE SLOWLY DRIBBLING INTO THE ELECTION INSTITUTE, YIELDING NO IMPORTANT CHANGES. THE VOTE COUNT HAS PASSED 61.5 MILLION, WITH GOLKAR'S CURRENT PERCENTAGE 61.73, PPP'S 29.61 AND O\$8'S 8.67. THE PPP HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE AS YET TO ITS REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT A SENIOR PPP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT INDICATED TO US THAT HIS PARTY WILL ATTEMPT TO USE THE ALLEGED
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IRREGULARITIES IN EAST JAVA AND ELSEWHERE AS A BARGAINING CHIP TO EXACT CABINET SEATS FROM THE GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE VOTE COUNT HAS SLOWED CONSIDERABLY, WITH SMALL NUMBERS OF NEW RETURNS DRIBBLING IN FROM OUTLYING AREAS. WITH A TOTAL VOTE COUNT NOW EXCEEDING 61.5 MILLION,

GOLKAR HAS RECEIVED 38.0 MILLION VOTES (61.73 PERCENT), PPP 18.2 MILLION (29.61 PERCENT) AND PDI 5.3 MILLION (8.67 PERCENT). ONLY IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN, WHERE PPP NOW CLINGS TO A 3,000 VOTE LEAD (WITH PERHAPS 30-50 THOUSAND MORE VOTES TO BE COUNTED), IS THERE ANY REMAINING DOUBT ABOUT THE WINNER. (THE SWING IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN SINCE 1971, WHEN GOLKAR WON ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, HAS BEEN BOTH DRAMATIC AND - FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT - INEXPLICABLE.) IN ITS LATEST RETURNS, THE ELECTION INSTITUTE ALSO LISTS SOME PROVINCIAL FIGURES LOWER THAN EARLIER RELEASES, A DISCREPANCY IT EXPLAINS BY CLAIMING THE EARLIER, INCORRECT FIGURES WERE BASED ON ORAL RADIO AND TELEPHONE REPORTS, SINCE MODIFIED BY WRITTEN REPORTS.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGES OF SOME VOTING IRREGULARITIES IN WEST JAVA, ESPECIALLY IN SUBANG, WHERE A BANDUNG STUDENT GROUP WITNESSED THE ELECTIONS AND WROTE A MILDLY WORDED REPORT TO THE SUPREME COURT, ASKING THAT NEW ELECTIONS BE HELD IN SOME PARTS OF THE REGENCY.

4. THE PPP, AS OF LATE AFTERNOON, HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS ALLEGED VOTING IRREGULARITIES IN EAST JAVA AND ELSEWHERE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PARTY HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS OFFICIALS IN EAST JAVA NOT TO SIGN REPORTING FORMS WHERE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH PPP FIGURES OR WHERE OTHER SIGNIFICANT IRREGULARITIES

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ARE ALLEGED. A PROMINENT PPP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT INDICATED PRIVATELY TO US THAT PPP WOULD SEEK POSITIONS IN THE POST-ELECTING CABINET IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCEPTING THE VALIDITY OF THE CONTESTED RETURNS. COMMENT. EVEN IF IT WERE TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHICH IS UNLIKELY, THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT WOULD REQUIRE SOME ADROIT PPP FOOTWORK, SINCE THEY HAVE CITED SPECIFIC FACTS AND FIGURES, DIFFICULT TO BACK AWAY FROM, TO SUPPORT THEIR CHARGES. THE RISK TO THEIR PUBLIC CREDIBILITY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE MORE DEVOUT MOSLEM COMMUNITY NOT OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE PARTY, WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE.

5. MOSLEM LEADERS HAVE PRIVATELY VOICED SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT POST-ELECTIONS VIOLENCE IN WEST JAVA, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED MURDER OF A RELIGIOUS LEADER NEAR CIREBON AND THE SACKING OF 20 HOUSES NEAR INDRAMAYU. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THESE INCIDENTS OR OTHER REPORTS OF VIOLENCE.

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